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## **THE BUDDHA RELICS WELCOME THE 2025 LUNAR NEW YEAR**

Start the New Year with Unlimited Blessings from the Buddha

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – This Lunar New Year, from Saturday, January 25th to Sunday, February 2nd, 2025, Dharma Treasury Temple will hold a public display of *The 10,000 Buddha Relics Collection*. This free exhibit will be open each day from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. In addition, special times to meditate with the relics will be held each day at 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. & 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Dharma Treasury Temple is located at 3201 Ulloa Street, San Francisco, CA.

Events to commemorate the Lunar New Year on Saturday, February 1st include the chanting ceremony at 10 a.m., followed by the Lion Dance and special New Year's blessings.

During the designated meditation hours, the exhibit hall will maintain a quiet atmosphere conducive to meditation and prayer. Newcomers to meditation, as well as experienced meditators, are welcome to join. Meditation instruction will also be available on request.

*The 10,000 Buddha Relics Collection* will display the sacred bones of Shakyamuni Buddha as well as tens of thousands of brightly colored crystals found in his ashes after cremation. These relics, also known as “shariras,” will include those of the family and closest disciples of the Buddha. These precious crystals are found in the ashes of enlightened sages after they are cremated. Most of these relics come from Asian countries such as Myanmar, Thailand, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam. This is the largest collection of relics in the United States and has attracted thousands of visitors since 2013. Many report that they can sense the energy of the relics and feel peaceful and blissful when in their presence. The Buddha's relics thus provide the ideal atmosphere for meditation. This special exhibit was featured in Season 5, Episode 10 of the History Channel series “The UnXplained” with William Shatner.

Dharma Treasury Temple is part of Bodhi Light International, Inc. (BLI), a non-profit organization dedicated to presenting Mahayana Buddhism to an international audience. Dharma Master YongHua is the founder of BLI and has been teaching free Chan meditation classes since 2005.

Bodhi Light International temples in Northern and Southern CA will concurrently host the exhibit.

The showings are free and open to the public.

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